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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Paul V. Walsh
Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : State Department Support of the Interagency Map
Procurement Program (IMPP)

1. Action Requested: That you mention informally in your next meeting with Secretary of State Vance our concern over the Department's reduced level of support to the U.S. Government's foreign map procurement program. This coordinated program conducted by the intelligence and mapping communities depends on the use of State Department Geographic Specialists for its effectiveness. Admiral Murphy, as the Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community, last May recommended that the State Department increase the number of its Geographic Specialists from three to five. The response by then Deputy Under Secretary for Management Eagleburger was essentially negative. I believe Secretary Vance should be asked to review the matter.

2. Background:

a. The Interagency Map Procurement Program (IMPP) is an overt collection activity conducted in the Department of State with the support of 10 participating organizations of the intelligence and mapping communities. The program provides the major source of the foreign-produced maps and map-related materials used in the U.S. Government. Reflecting



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b. The work of map procurement abroad is carried out principally by State Department Geographic Specialists who are professional geographers or cartographers. They are supported in their efforts by personnel of OGCR who coordinate requirements, plan the 6-week procurement missions,

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maintain mapping exchange agreements negotiated by the specialists, and distribute materials received to the appropriate agencies according to their indicated needs. All participating agencies contribute funds.

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f. The change of Administrations affords the intelligence community an opportunity to raise this problem with State once more. I feel that an informal chat by you with Secretary Vance, inviting him to review it with his staff, would be more suitable than new correspondence. At the same time, it would be more effective than a renewed exchange of communications between the IC Staff and State.

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[] Staff Positions: The Intelligence Community Staff [] concurs.

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4. Recommendation: That you ask Secretary Vance informally that he review the State Department position regarding Geographic Specialist staffing in the context of Admiral Murphy's letter of 15 May 1976.

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Attachments:
As stated in Par. 2.e.

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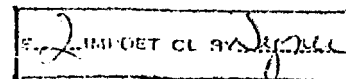
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RE-EVALUATION OF THE
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RE-EVALUATION OF THE
INTERAGENCY MAP PROCUREMENT PROGRAM

The Interagency Map Procurement Program (IMPP) is a small scale but valuable and effective U.S. Government program for the overt collection of foreign-produced maps and map materials which has functioned since World War II. It is managed within the Department of State and is implemented abroad primarily by Geographic Attaches (GAs) who are professional geographers and cartographers.

This program, which provides a major part of the foreign-produced maps and map-related materials (called map materials hereafter) used in the USG, has been reviewed favorably a number of times in recent years. However, budget considerations and the policy of reducing the U. S. official presence abroad have resulted in a significant reduction in the number of GAs in the last seven years. Because of recent attempts to eliminate one of the remaining GA positions, the Deputy Director for Intelligence requested this re-evaluation of the IMPP.

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I. THE PROBLEM

To reassess the value of the Interagency Map Procurement Program (IMPP) to the U. S. Government.

II. BACKGROUND

The IMPP was established under the Department of State by executive order in 1945. This program is a very small part of the Department's overt collection responsibilities for political, sociological, economic, scientific, and technical information, conducted as a service of common concern to the USG. Documentation on the authority and development of the program is shown in Attachment 3.

The goal of the IMPP is to maintain USG holdings of foreign-produced map materials as current as possible, in advance of need. Collection of these materials abroad, primarily in non-Communist countries, is carried out by Geographic Attaches (GAs) and other USG officials sent on procurement missions. A description of the IMPP, its staffing and operation, is given in Attachment 2. The procurement and dissemination of map materials is based on coordinated USG-wide requirements which show the number and type of materials required by each USG agency. These requirements, which are updated semi-annually, are shown in Attachment 4.

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